MoA between HSL and Goodearth Maritime Ltd.

2517. SHRI PRASANTA CHATTERJEE: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) has been signed in between Hindustan Shipyard Ltd. and M/s Goodearth Maritime Ltd., Chennai;

(b) if so, whether the said MoA debar Hindustan Shipyard Ltd. from entering into any further agreement for construction of vessels for other national/international ship owners;

(c) if so, the reasons for such conditions; and

(d) the quantum of loss, so far suffered by H.S.L. following the agreement?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) An Agreement has been signed between Hindustan Shipyard Limited (HSL) and M/s Goodearth Maritime Limited (GML) on 16.04.2005.

(b) to (d) As per the Agreement, in the absence of GML's orders, HSL is at liberty to accept construction/repair of any other vessels in order to keep the Yard running. HSL is free to accept orders from Government of India like from Defence, Andaman & Nicobar and Lakshadweep Administrations, etc. The orders of GML have contributed to improved financial performance of HSL.

Cruise terminus in Mormugao and Mumbai

2518. SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Mormugao Port Trust and Mumbai Port Trust propose to construct cruise terminus in their respective port areas;

(b) whether Government have received any such proposals from the two Port Trusts; and

(c) the details of each of the proposals, present status of the projects, revenue proposed to be generated and the investment proposed to be made?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) to (c) Mormugao Port Trust and Mumbai Port Trust have identified projects for construction of Cruise Terminals in their Ports. The projects are at different stages of planning.

Road projects in A.P.

2519. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether road projects in Andhra Pradesh started by NDA Government have been completed as per schedule/target;

(b) if not, the reasons for the delay project-wise, location-wise and year-wise;

(c) by when the incompleted projects are going to be completed and the details thereof; and

(d) whether annual allocation for their repair and maintenance in the States has constantly been decreasing resulting in their decay?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) to (c) All the road projects started by NDA Government have been completed as per schedule except the two projects mentioned below which have been delayed due to termination of original contracts:

(i) 4-laning of Srikakulam-Champavati section of NH-5
(ii) 4- laning of Gundla-Pochampalli to Bowenpalli and Shivarampalli to Thondapalli section of NH-7.

The balance work pertaining to these terminated contracts has already been awarded to other agencies and the same is likely to be completed by June, 2007.

(d) No, Sir.

Cargo handling capacity

2520. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of cargo handling capacity of major ports in the country;